for increments in Pay on re-employment have been accepted by Government ;

(b) if so, whether orders have been issued in this regard ;

(c) what are the recommendations of the High Level Committee on which the decision of Government is still pending; and

(d) when it is likely to be decided?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) In the case of ex-servicemen retrenched from service without a pension and/or service gratuity and in the case of Emergency Commissioned Officers and Short Service Commissioned officers who joined pre-commission training or were commissioned after 10-1-1968 on their appointment in Government Service to unreserved vacancies, the exact orders on fixation of pay on re-employment in civil posts provide for grant of advance increments equal to the completed years of service rendered by them in the Armed forces on a basic pay equal to or higher than the minimum of the scale attached to the civil post in which they are re-employed. The pay so arrived at should not, however, exceed the basic pay last drawn in the Armed Forces. This provision is not applicable to other categories of non-pensioner ex-servicemen.

(c) and (d) There are only 3 recommendations of the High Level Committee on which a decision is pending.

One recommendation likely to be accepted and implemented relates to having ex-servicemen as a separate category in the 1991 Census. The matter is under active consideration of the Registrar General.

The recommendation regarding 'Rank for Rank' pension was considered by the IV Pay Commission but was not accepted by it. However, the matter is *subjudice* before the Supreme Court. Another recommendation relates to the constitution of a Parliamentary Committee to oversee the implementation of various schemes and facilities for ex-servicemen. The need for such a Committee is still under examination.

It is not possible to indicate a date by which a decision will be taken on the recommendations which are pending.

Boosting of Ground Water in Andhra Pradesh

*305. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to receive technical or financial assistance from the International Development Association for boosting ground water in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) is so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir. However, there is a proposal for obtaining Dutch Assistance for a project "Ground Water Minor Irrigation Schemes" in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The main features of this project include :—

(i) construction and commissioning of bore wells, tube wells and infiltration wells;

(ii) rehabilitation of sick tube-wells;

(iii) updating of survey and investigation instruments for

ground water development; and

(iv) providing facilities for research and training.

Decentralisation of Plan Formation in the Industrial Sector

*306. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to decentralise the very process of plan formation, particularly in the industrial sector;

(b) if so, what are the suggestions made by the experts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have examined their suggestions; and

(d) if so, the final decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (d) It is the view of the Government that in areas of development which directly impinge on the living conditions of the majority of the people, the impulses and ideas of development should generate at local levels. As an on-going exercise of enlarging the scope of participation in the planning process at different levels and regions, Government is taking steps to strengthen and systematise multi-level planning—particularly at the District Level in relevant sectors including Small & Village Industries.

For determining the goals and for evolving the strategy and approach for industrial growth in the Eighth Plan, the Planning Commission has already initiated its exercise. Concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India, industry associations, State Governments and others are being appropriately associated with this exercise.

The report of the Working Group on District Planning has suggested that to make decentralised planning a success, capabilities for decentralised planning, right procedures, suitable structures, technical, administrative and attitudinal changes have to be brought about. They have also suggested that various initiatives and improvisations should be introduced cautiously, providing adequate time for assimilating them.

Legislation to audit the accounts of political parties

*307. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring forward legislation to audit the accounts of political parties or amend the existing law; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Various proposals for electoral reforms including auditing of accounts of political parties have been made to the Government by the Election Commission.

उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम संबंधी समिति

*310. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में पहाड़ी क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम संबंधी समिति ने कोई योजना तैयार की है ;